

reports that previously unknown cuneiform rock inscriptions had been found. We would be issued with a bodyguard.

Off we went at the crack of dawn, with a huge "minder", armed with a Kalashnikov, a shotgun, and a pistol. Could I please keep the latter in the glove-compartment till we had passed the army check-point (pistols being illegal, rifles not)? I wondered how to talk myself out of that if it were found out, but the soldiers waved us past.

We had tea in the village, our minder proudly recounting when, why and how each man had become wanted for murder. They all stayed in the village during the summer when the army could move, going back to Hermel to spend winter with their families.

It was much too early in the year for butterflies at this level, so we set off in search of the inscriptions. They turned out to be a natural rock feature, so our hopes of archeological glory were dashed. Nearby, though, we saw Nebuchadnezzar's impressive stele, which says: "I cut through steep mountains, I split rocks, and thus I constructed for Marduk, my Lord, a straight road for the transport of the cedar . . . to carry mighty cedars, high and strong, of precious beauty and excellent dark quality, the abundant yield of Lebanon". Today remain – at least I very much hope they do – just a few bedraggled stands of Cedar.

On our way back, we discussed conditions with our bodyguard: "What would happen if we came here by ourselves to camp?" We would be perfectly safe. We would be honoured guests. No problem. I'm sure he was right. "But, then, why are you armed to the teeth?" "Ah. I have many enemies", after which he squeezed his ample torso out of the window of our orange VW-beetle to take pot-spots at the odd hare or two. An interesting concept in bodyguards!

I never managed to get back to Hermel. I would have loved to have done so. But you may now officially add *Zegrus eupheme* to the Lebanese checklist.– TORBEN B. LARSEN, 358 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 9PL.

Two species of micro-moth new to the Isle of Wight

Peter Cramp took an example of the Pyralid *Phlyctaenia perlucidalis* (Hübner) in his light trap at Godshill on 27 July 1995 and I recorded a specimen of *Anacamptis blattariella* (Hübner) at m.v. light at Freshwater on 22 July 1995. Neither of these species has been recorded from the Isle of Wight before.– S.A. KNILL-JONES, Roundstone, 2 School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight.

Contact wanted in Spain

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